

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6361  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 583

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PSOCI, NZ

SUBJECT: SPRINGBOK' S TOUR MAY NOT TAKE PLACE

REF: WELLINGTON A-28

1. SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRANK CORNER TOLD ME MARCH 12  
SPRINGBOK TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. THE  
PRIME MINISTER' S TACTIC IS TO ATTEMPT TO BRING HOME TO  
RUGBY- LOVING NEW ZEALANDERS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
INTERNAL RISKS AND INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS WHICH THE  
TOUR WOULD CAUSE SO THAT THE TOUR WILL BE CANCELLED  
WITHOUT NECESSITY OF BEING FORCED TO CANCEL IT. CORNER  
INDICATED KIRK WOULD CANCEL IF NECESSARY.

2. COMMENT. THIS IS A VERY HOT ISSUE HERE WHERE RUGBY  
IS ALMOST A RELIGION, AND MANY CLING TO BELIEF INTERNATIONAL  
SPORT SHOULD BE APOLITICAL.  
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